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AMENDED)

Examiner: R. Gitomer

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed December 11, 2003, time for response to which was set to expire March 11, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Also included herewith are the following Exhibits:

Exhibit A:

Chen et al., Br. J. Pharmoc. 138:950-58 (2003).

Exhibit B:

Lee et al., Am. J. Physiol. 273:G1094-100 (1997).

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Exhibit C: Substitute Declaration of Gregory R. Mundy, I. Ross Garrett, and

Jorge G. Rossini.

Exhibit D: Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 for Gregory R. Mundy.